

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2024  
Via WebEx

**Welcome:** Bob Eddy

**Present:** Bob Eddy, Gary Langer, Diana Lee, Cyrus Malbari, Anne Bonnerup, Bob Lee, Mark Mosman, Darril Wegscheid, Mary De Hanson, Carolyn Gallagher

**Absent:** Kim David, Lloyd Thyen

**New Member Introductions:** Participants introduced themselves to Carolyn and welcomed her to the board.

**Secretary's Report:** Diana presented a draft of the March 21, 2024 board meeting minutes and no changes were requested.

***Upon motion made by Anne, seconded by Cyrus, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 21 meeting were approved as presented.***

**Treasurer's Report:** Diana presented a financial report for the period ending March 31, and noted there was not much in the way of transactions during the month other than the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit that will mature near the end of September. She also gave a brief summary as to the amount of dues and donations collected thus far in April.

***Upon motion made by Mary De, seconded by Cyrus, and unanimously carried, the March financial statement was approved as presented.***

**2024 Budget:** Diana presented a draft of the budget that was created by the Budget Committee (Bob Eddy, Gary, Bob Lee and Diana) and indicated that, once approved by the Board, she will enter the data into her financial software so that "budget vs. actual" reports can easily be produced on a regular basis.

The board reviewed and discussed the budget line by line, including notes that clarified certain items. No changes to the numbers were requested.

***Upon motion made by Anne, seconded by Mary De, and unanimously carried, the 2024 Budget was approved as presented.***

**Membership Drive:** Gary thanked the board for the massive cooperative effort that took place in order to get the new solicitation packet completed and successfully shipped by April 8. There were numerous board members involved in creating and finalizing the documents, formatting the documents, updating and uploading addresses and coordinating all of those pieces with Lakes Printing. Bob Eddy acknowledged that Gary played a key role in all of it, including overseeing the project.

**Business Memberships/Newsletter Advertising:** Gary referenced the new “tiered membership” concept that was agreed to by the Board at the March meeting and indicated that Mary De is taking the reins on soliciting new business members, Gary will focus on soliciting renewals from current business members, and Diana will play a role in the financial recordkeeping and tracking (that will be necessary since each ad will be published in three consecutive newsletters).

Mary De indicated she plans to target 50-60 new businesses, and asked board members to submit a list of vendors, restaurants, etc. that we personally support, and when possible, a contact name.

**Grant Applications:** Mary De reported that grants are available from Enbridge but that they require that the stated purpose of the funds be for a very specific item, project or event. Enbridge also prefers that the use of funds (i.e. project) can involve volunteer hours by an Enbridge employee that can be on site. After discussion including several suggestions, the Board agreed that RALALA’s “Protect Our Lakes” initiative would be an appropriate choice for the grant.

**Protect our Lakes (“POL”):** Anne proposed hosting another “Parade of Shores” event, but instead of a one-day event involving people driving to various sites, it would be a scenario where people could go by boat and observe shoreline restoration project areas from the water. She is proposing that a packet of information be assembled relating to various shoreline projects that have been done and where they are located. After discussion, the board agreed this would be an excellent “event” and that it would best be done later in the summer after this year’s projects, and in some cases project repairs, are completed.

**Water Testing Schedule:** Darrell indicated that water testing will again be scheduled for five months (May through September) and that samples (6 lake and 3 stream samples) will be submitted on the third Monday of each month. Therefore, a day or two in advance of the Monday deadline, samples will be collected and dropped off at My Store in Outing for pickup on Monday and delivery to the Crosslake collection station. WAPOA is paying for the project.

**Launch Site Update:** Gary reported that the new Landa Decontamination unit will be placed at Lake Washburn during the fishing opener weekend, and then will be at Roosevelt launch site the remainder of the summer. It’s currently scheduled to be operating May 16 – September 15 Thursdays through Sundays.

**Decontamination System Event & Demonstration:** Gary proposed that a public event be held at Roosevelt launch site to celebrate the arrival of the unit and to demonstrate the boat cleaning system. He proposes that RALALA and CLT Lakes & Shores be co-hosts and that the event be held on June 15 from 10:00am-1:00pm with demonstrations of the unit every hour on the hour. He indicated that Steve Henry (DNR) is available to attend and be present for those hours on that date.

**High Lake Level Issues:** Darril reported that beaver have modified the DNR dam on the creek causing the lake level to be abnormally high. He indicated the DNR has advised RALALA that if we will pay the cost of a trapper to remove some of the beaver from Crooked Creek, the DNR will remove the beaver construction on top of the water control structure, which will allow the water levels to return to those which were determined by the DNR in 1936 as best suited for this watershed. He noted that once the creek is again flowing properly, it will likely take several weeks to return to a normal level.

Darril added that the DNR is still on track to place a water-level gauge in Lake Roosevelt in a location that would be easy for us to monitor and then report findings back to the DNR. They have not yet sent a proposal or reporting schedule.

**Other Business:** Bob Eddy reminded board members to take note of the calendar he distributed and to mark dates on personal calendars. He also noted that he changed the date of the May board meeting from May 9 to May 16, since the April meeting was held so late in the month.

**Adjournment:**

***Upon motion made by Bob Lee, seconded by Anne, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.***

Prepared by:  
Diana Lee, Secretary